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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE FEBRUAR Y 11, 1976.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND I TESTIFIED BEFORE CAPTIONED SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE FBI. COPIES OF THE STATEMENTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ME ARE BEING MAILED TO ALL OFFICES TODAY. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THERE FOLLOWS A SYNOPSIZED ACCOUNT OF THE MAJOR AREAS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS TO ME, TOGETHER WITH MY RESPONSES:

(1) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PREVENTIVE ACTION PROVISION IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THE FBI WHICH ARE CITED IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, I STATED THAT THE PRIMARY MANDATE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IS PREVENTION; THAT WE CANNOT INVESTIGATE SOLELY "AFTER THE FACT"; THAT ACTION TO PREVENT LEGITIMATE DISSENT UNDER OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTOLERABLE; THAT PRIOR TO TAKING PREVENTIVE ACTION IN A

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DOMESTIC SECURITY CASE TODAY WE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE THREAT INVOLVED, CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND REACH A WORKABLE SOLUTION AS TO ANY NECESSARY AND PROPER ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

(2) REGARDING THE GUIDELINES, QUESTIONS WERE ASKED CONCERNING MY INPUT (MY RESPONSE WAS THAT THE FBI HAS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GUIDELINES COMMITTEE, AND I RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME CONCERNING THE THRUST OF THESE GUIDELINES) AND WHETHER THE GUIDELINES IN PRESENT FORM ARE TOO STRICT OR LOOSE (MY RESPONSE WAS THAT THE FBI IS NOT UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE GUIDELINES; THAT I CANNOT BROADLY CATEGORIZE THEM AS STRICT OR LOOSE; THAT THEY ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT AT THIS POINT ARE NOT TOO RESTRICTIVE).

(3) IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUPERVISES THE FBI, I STATED THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT IT DOES AND THAT I CAN STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT I HAVE A VERY PLEASANT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THAT WE GET ALONG VERY WELL.

(THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AGREED AND POINTED OUT THAT THE FBI HAS TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE AUTONOMY, THAT THE FBI DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY IS GREAT, AND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

HAS GENERAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE BUREAU. HE NOTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL "IS NOT RUNNING THE FBI" -- OR HE WOULD NOT HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE -- AND THAT THERE IS "SOME DISTANCE" BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE FBI DIRECTOR.)

(4) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE FBI BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, I STATED THAT SINCE APRIL, 1975, THE FBI HAS DEVOTED 4500 AGENT DAYS AND 2221 CLERICAL DAYS TO PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH THE INFORMATION THAT IT HAS REQUESTED; THAT SOME SOURCES AND INFORMANTS HAVE BECOME UNWILLING TO FURNISH US INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD DISCLOSURE OF THE MATERIAL WE HAVE PROVIDED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES; THAT THE FBI DOES NOT OBJECT TO OVERSIGHT; THAT WE ARE WILLING TO HAVE OVERSIGHT AND GUIDELINES BUT THAT WE WANT TO DEVELOP SOME BALANCE SO THAT WE MAY MAINTAIN OUR CAPABILITIES INTACT TO FULLY DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

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TO ALL SAC'S

FROM DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR'S APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTE ON APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 1977.

THIS MORNING I APPEARED BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FBI'S FISCAL YEAR 1977 BUDGET REQUEST. AS YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED, THIS REQUEST INCLUDED SEVERE CUTS FOR TRAINING OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVELY UNCONTROLLABLE OVERTIME (AUO). NEITHER OF THESE CUTS WAS INITIATED BY THE FBI; HOWEVER, THEY WERE ADMINISTRATION POLICY DECISIONS AND OUR 1977 BUDGET JUSTIFICATION SHOWED THEM AS SUCH IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.

DURING THE MORE THAN THREE HOURS OF HEARINGS, THE GENERAL TENOR OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WAS THAT THESE CUTS ARE UNCONSCIONABLE ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF RISING CRIME.

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VIRTUALLY, EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE HAD QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CUT IN AUO AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE WORKLOAD MORALE AND INDIVIDUALS' INCOME. I RESPONDED CONCERNING THE HEAVY WORKLOAD AND NOTED THAT THE IMPACT ON OUR SPECIAL AGENTS' MORALE WOULD BE MOST DETRIMENTAL. ONE MEMBER STATED HE WOULD DEFINITELY NOT SUPPORT A BUDGET SHOWING CUTS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE.

AS I HAVE STATED BEFORE, THIS ENTIRE MATTER IS CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION; HOWEVER I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT OPPORTUNITIES AROSE TO SUPPORT THE INTERESTS OF OUR AGENTS AND ALSO THE ATTITUDE DISPLAYED AT TODAY'S HEARINGS. YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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